

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An acidic oil-in-water type emulsion
composition comprising an oil phase containing at least
5 20 % by weight of diacylglycerol and 0.5 to 5.0 % by
weight of crystallization inhibitor.

2. The acidic oil-in-water type emulsion
composition according to Claim 1, wherein the
10 crystallization inhibitor is selected from polyglycerol
fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters and
sorbitan fatty acid esters.

3. The acidic oil-in-water type emulsion
composition according to Claim 2, wherein the
15 polyglycerol fatty acid esters are such that the average
polymerization degree of glycerol is 2 to 12, the number
of carbon atoms in the fatty acid moiety is 12 to 22,
and the degree of esterification is at least 70 %.

20 4. The acidic oil-in-water type emulsion
composition according to Claim 2, wherein the sucrose
fatty acid esters are such that the degree of
esterification with a fatty acid having 12 to 22 carbon
atoms is at least 50 %, and the remaining hydroxyl
25 groups (not esterified with above-mentioned fatty acids)
are acetylated.

5. The acidic oil-in-water type emulsion composition according to Claim 2, wherein the sorbitan fatty acid esters are those in which the number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid composition is 12 to 22, and the HLB is lower than 3.

6. The acidic oil-in-water type emulsion composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, which further comprises egg yolk.

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